## Database Search Strategies

## Research Argumentative & Persuasive Papers With Sirs Knowledge Source

SIRS Knowledge Source is a good place to find topics for argumentative and persuasive papers. SIRS Knowledge Source also contains many magazine, newspaper and journal articles which are appropriate for argumentative and persuasive papers. You may get these articles from your Library or home computer

## Here's how:

- **1.a. When you are at the Library**: Select the "Other Databases" button in the Library Catalog (on a catalog computer). Look in the center column for the **SIRS Knowledge Source** heading.
- **1.b. When you are using a computer at home:** Go to <a href="http://www.tempe.gov/library/">http://www.tempe.gov/library/</a>. Select **electronic resources**. Look for the **SIRS Knowledge Source** heading.
- 2. You will need to input your library card number and PIN before you may gain access.



**3.** When the **SIRS** page opens, there are many options to choose from. For persuasive/argumentative resources, click on the **more...** link under the **Leading Issues** heading.

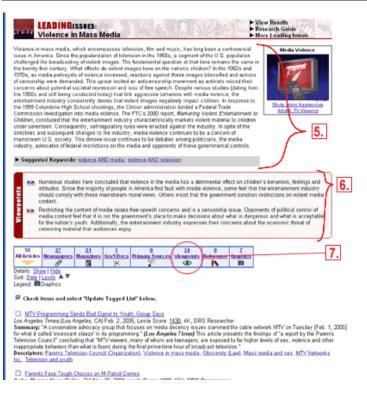


**4**. This page lists many topice sor persuasive/ argumentative papers. Choose one and link to the next page.

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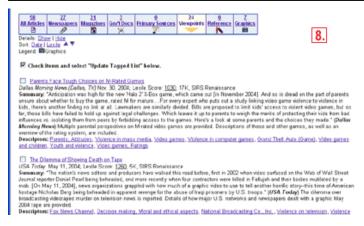






There are three sections to this page:

- **5**. A brief overview of your chosen topic.
- 6. Brief pro/con arguments for your chosen topic.
- **7.** A bar with a summary of the various types of information, followed by a list of available items. Select the **Viewpoints** link on the bar.



**8.** The listing will show only viewpoint articles for your chosen topic. If you click on a title, a copy of the full article will be visible. You may print a copy of the article or email it to yourself.

You may also find argumentative and persuasive articles in the **Opposing Viewpoints** database. If you have questions about this database, call the Tempe Public Library Reference Desk at (480)350-5511. The Librarian may be able to tell you how to get the information you need.